

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.



# THE YPSI SEM

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YPSILANTI HIGH SCHOOL YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

June 3, 1955

## YHS Bids Seniors "Farewell"

It's coming! The biggest social event of the year, the Senior Farewell. It will be held on June 11, 1955 in the Charles McKenny Hall Ballroom. The dance will be semi-formal and will begin at 9:00 p.m. and terminates at 12:00 p.m. The admission price is \$2.20 per couple, seniors free. If an underclassman is accompanied by a senior, \$1.10 must be paid for the admission of the underclassman.

Dan Viergever and Dick Rhinehart are the general Co-chairmen over the following committees and their chairmen.

Publicity: LouAnn Braubner (ch.), Jerry Keene, Sam Johnson, Emmitt Coleman, Bob Moore, Nancy Mott, and Annette Martin.

Invitations: Nancy Fry (ch.), Evelyn Feller, Barbara Fedor, Donna Dunlap.

Favors: Sharleen Seamans, Beverly Downs, Evelyn Feller, Judy Obermeyer, Connie Mitchell.

Refreshments: Marlene Edwards (ch.), Lee Micksell, Mary Szekeres.

Posters: Fred Williams, (ch) Lou Ann Graubner, Marian Kerbyson, Judy Mudge.

Decorations: Margie Jokubaitus (ch.), Phil Roff, Lois Snyder, Shirley Stetler, Ted Hanlon, Dick Rhinehart, Dan Wright, Mary Gray, Duanne Dixon, Glenda Warren, Ann Mitchell, Mike Brown, Barbara Hall, Tom Geer, Virginia Kuhns, Gloria Burroughs, Nancy Schaffer, Judy Burbank, Janet Riley, Joyce Peters, Amby Wilbanks, Betty Kuykandal, Arlene Wirtem, Dan Viergever.

### SLADE RECEIVES TRIP ABROAD



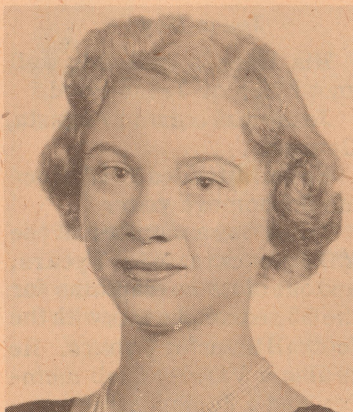
Recently Miss Marjorie Slade, Ypsilanti High School French teacher, was notified that she had received a Fulbright Grant to attend an eight week summer seminar in France this summer.

This year 25 teachers of French in the United States received this award, Miss Slade numbering among them.

Miss Slade will leave for New York City on June 22; where, she will attend an orientation on June 23 with a French professor who will be in charge of the group in France.

This summer Seminar will include four weeks at the University of Paris with courses in the French language, culture, and sightseeing in Paris and its surroundings.

## 3 RECEIVE SCHOLASTIC HONORS



COLEMAN



EXELBY



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### 19 INITIATED TO QUILL & SCROLL

On Thursday, May 5, 19 new members were initiated into the Ypsilanti High School Chapter of the Quill and Scroll Society. A potluck banquet was held, which Mr. Wiltse and Mr. Osterberg attended. For entertainment Norma Garrison sang 'Pledge You My Love', Clara Shaw played 'Clair de Lune' on the piano. Gerald Lundy acted as toastmaster of the banquet.

At the termination of the banquet the Initiation ceremony was performed by Thomasia Manikas, Terry Montonye, Gerald Lundy, and Maxe Obermeyer.

The initiates were June Turner, Clara Shaw, Jay Baker, Janice Farquharson, Marlene Gable, Bill Gretzinger, Leigh Wynn, Yvonne Kope, Kathryn Wardrop, Nancy Schaffer, George Mills, Pat Keegan, Marcia Damoose, Merrith Lamson, Carolyn Exelby, Beth Ann Viergever, Lois Wendt, and Peggy Mahoney.

### Sem Shorts

After graduation in June, Warren Huff will attend Harvard University.

Guests at the recent Junior Classical League Banquet were Mr. Wiltse, Mr. and Mrs. Joslyn, Miss Crothers, Tim Dyer, President of the French Club; and Angeline Ambrose, Treasurer of the Spanish Club.

It seems that wedding bells will soon be ringing for these happy couples for they are engaged to be married after school closes in June.

They are Mattie Jackson and Charles, Virginia Brewer and Johnny Vandivier, Geraldine Haywood and Sonny Palmer, Cecilia Roof and Harry Saga.

The Best Thespians Award for this school year went to Marcia Damoose and Eugene Gray. The Honored Thespians were Marcia Damoose and Ann Kisor.

Recently Ypsilanti High School received a number of copies of the Bill of Rights

to be hung in all homerooms. These framed copies were a gift from the Americanism Committee of Disabled American Veterans.

An alumna of Ypsi High, Ann Schiska, who started at Cleary in the last of September is leaving for California on June 20.

After living there one year, she will become a resident of the state. She plans to attend U.C.L.A. She will be accompanied by Peggy Houston.

While discussing nationalities in her 8th hour Social Studies class, Mrs. Kerbyson discovered that approximately one-third of the class had Indian blood. There are 37 pupils in the class.

### 24 New Members Initiated Into Honor Society

On Thursday, May 26, the National Honor Society held its annual initiation ceremonies.

The initiation was held in the formal lounge at Charles McKenny Hall at 8:00 p.m. A total of 24 new members were initiated.

Before the initiation, a program was presented. Clara Shaw presented a piano solo. Ann Kisor gave a humorous reading. David Wilson honored the guests with a coronet solo.

The officers of the Ypsilanti Chapter of the National Honor Society put on the initiation. They were Terry Montonye, Larry Hinkley, Merrith Lamson, Mary Dolf, and Nancy Mitchell. Tom Kosky acted as usher. Mrs. Lockwood presented the new members with membership pins.

Following the initiation a reception was presented for parents, teachers, and students. Lime sherbert was served and white cake with green decorations.

Special guests were the members of the board of education and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Ardis, Mr. and Mrs. Wiltse, and Mr. and Mrs. Joslyn.

### Honor System Regulates Activities

Several years ago, an honor point system was established in Ypsilanti High School. The purpose of the honor system is to place a limitation upon the number of offices a pupil may hold. This limitation provides a wider participation by the student body and distributes the extra-curricular activities without a loss in scholarship.

A student's eligibility for participation in extra-curricular activities is based on his scholarship achievement.

Every student must meet the requirements of a certain scholastic standing as a prerequisite to office holding and may not exceed the maximum number of points allowed for his scholarship achievement the previous semester.

The following table lists the maximum number of honor points that may be carried with varying scholarships:

Scholarship	Points that
Average Honor	May be
Points	Carried
3.25 .....	25
3.00 .....	21
2.00 .....	16
1.00 .....	9
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### Valedictorians, Salutatorian Of Sr. Class Chosen

Friday, April 29, Mr. Wiltse announced the Valedictorians and the salutatorian of the Class of 1955 during one of their class meetings.

There were two girl students tied for first place valedictorian rating with high school scholastic averages of 4.0. They are Merrith Lamson and Elaine Coleman. Carolyn Exelby received the salutatorian rating with a scholastic average of 3.96.

Merrith is a member of the Yearbook Staff, the Quill and Scroll, Drum and Bugle Corp, Future Teachers Association, the A Cappella Choir, and National Honor Society.

Carolyn Exelby is a member of the Swimming Club, the Thespians Society, the Radio Club, the Quill and Scroll, the Yearbook Staff, and the Methodist Church Choir.

These honor students were selected by scholastic averages and honor points.

### Nine Attend Play Days

On April 30, nine senior girls went to the annual play day at Michigan State Normal College. They were Nancy Mitchell, Thomasia Manikas, Pat Keegan, Sue Baird, Audrey Randall, Glenda Sanders, Jan Oger, Mary Jo Hayes, and Ann White.

On May 14, these same girls went to the play day at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The girls enjoyed a day of playing baseball, volleyball, deck tennis, golf putting and swimming.

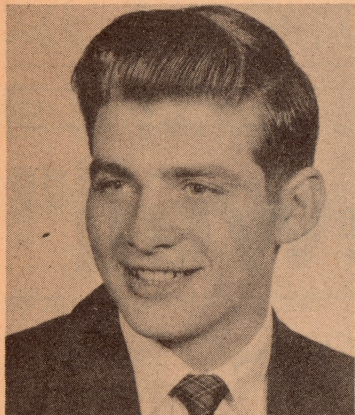
The members of the Future Teachers association are now wearing the special pins of that association.

### SENIOR CALENDAR

Once again the day of graduation is rearing its head over multitudes of joyous Seniors throughout the land. Graduation is as inevitable as time, but we face it more happily than time because of its significance. It is a happy time also for the events which lead up to it. As a reminder to the members of the class of '55' we of the Sem Staff have printed this calendar.

June 10 .....	Completion of Senior Examinations
11 .....	Senior Farewell
12 .....	Baccalaureate
14 .....	Senior Picnic
15 .....	Class Night
16 .....	Alumni Reception
17 .....	Commencement





Robert Schaffer

This happy member of the Class of '55' was born Robert Schaffer on January 3, 1937, here in Ypsilanti. His friends call him Bob.

Bob can be identified by his light blue eyes, brown hair, and his 5' 10" height.

Bob has been attending this school ever since he was in the kindergarden.

His favorite song in the hit parade today is "Unchained Melody."

Bob's hobby is eating, especially when its southern fried chicken, his favorite food.

Bob is a member of the Thespians Society and the Student Council.

His favorite sports are basketball and swimming.

His favorite color is a shade of blue.

He likes to listen to the singing voice of the famous Frankie Laine.

His Ideal Date has to be about 5' 5" with a nice personality and red hair.



Viola Pitts

"Personality plus," a phrase which identifies Viola Pitts to perfection.

She was born on September 27, 1937, in Columbus, Georgia.

Viola has dark brown hair and brown eyes. She is 5' 3 1/2" in height and weighs 114 lbs.

Viola is a member of the Business Education Club.

She has attended Y.H.S. for 6 years.

"Unchained Melody" as sung by Roy Hamilton is her favorite song.

As for foods, she likes anything and everything that's meat.

To take up her extra time she likes to listen to music.

She is an avid fan of basketball, football and track.

Brown is this Seniorita's choice among the colors.

After graduation Viola plans to attend Michigan State Normal College for two years, then she will enroll in a cosmetometer school.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



This week your Rovin' Reporter ask the proud members of the Class of 1955 "What do you want to do before you leave Ypsilanti High School?" and received some real gone answers.

Shirley Stinedurf: Skip school with Merrith.

Merrith Lamson: Score on Mr. Halbert!

Cecilia Roff: Make my wedding plans.

Ray Price: Make sure I have a job.

Clara Shaw: Throw Sally Mayo in the Huron River!

Audrey Oehemke: Help Clara! Bob Schaffer: Skip school and get a white excuse.

Phil Reid: Go for a ride in Odegard's new machine.

Val Shelton: Go through a day of school without falling asleep.

Mary Simpson: Do the chicken in World History.

Levi Simpson: Make Coach Lee wear Bermuda shorts!

Richard Otto: Laugh at Mr. Halberts jokes.

Charles Johnson: Tell all the teachers a joke.

Levi Simpson: Make Coach Lee run a quarter mile as fast as he can go.

George Wilson: Just want to leave!

Alvin Moore: I want to graduate before I leave!

Joyce Henry: There's no telling!

Johnny Charles: Get out of Miss Lidke's study hall.

Herbert Jones: Have all the fun in school that I can before June 17.

Leon Taylor: Talk it over with her one more time.

Miss Slade: 48 hours a day and enough pep to see 'em through.

George Ludy: Roll the big rock off the lawn and into the halls

Colleen Hamel: Break some traditions!

Delores Thorpe: Stop all assignments in Miss Mills Math classes.

Georgia Cofield: I don't want to do nothin' . . . believe it or not!

Thomasia Manikas: (quote) Don't put me down for anything. I don't want to say something I'll be sorry for later.

Nancy Mitchell: #\*¢@\*\*\$%! George Mills: I don't want to do nothin' to nobody. . . NO time

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John Jones: Burn my books!

Rosalie Newton: I'm gonna sit right down and cry over school

Violene Powell: I don't know about you but I'm going home.

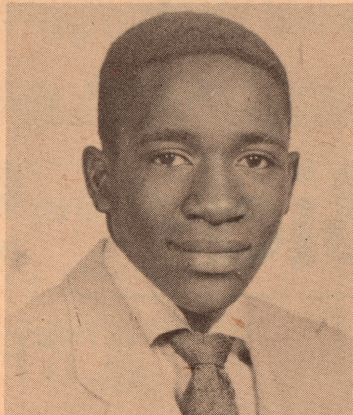
Terry Montonye: Get caught up

George Wilson: whatever Nancy said goes triple for me!

Jesse Boyd: Give all of my teachers a homework assignment!

The small boy, tired of riding, suddenly turned to his father: 'I wish you'd let mom drive it's more exciting!'

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Jesse Boyd

His friends call this well known Senior Jesse Boyd.

Jesse was born in Augusta, Georgia.

He has attended Y.H.S. since his Sophomore year.

Jesse was a member of the Y.H.S. track team for 3 years, and one of its co-captains for the '55 season, he was with the football team for 2 years. He is also a Varsity Club member and a Junior Achiever.

Jesse has black hair, brown eyes, weighs 165 lbs. and stands 5' 9" tall.

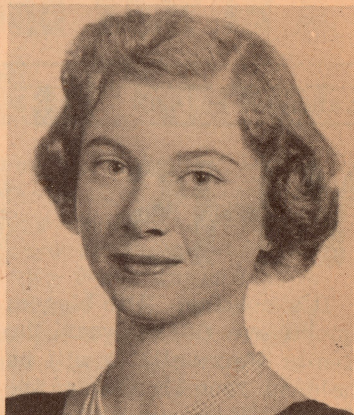
His favorite song is "My Autumn Love." He likes the dynamic singing of Roy Hamilton.

Jesse claims that he can eat anything

Jesse's ideal date is 5' 5" tall.

Senior Boyd's pet peeve is to be beaten at the last minute by a big chest competitor in track.

After graduation Jesse plans to enlist in the United states Air Force.



Elaine Coleman

Elaine Della Coleman is the full name of this well known Senior.

Elaine was born on July 31, 1937, in New York City, New York. She has attended Ypsilanti High School for 3 years.

Dark blond hair and blue-green eyes are the trademarks of this 5' 6" tall Senior.

Elaine is one of the Valedictorians of the Senior class and a member of the National Honor Society.

As far as music goes "Opus One" by the Mills Brothers is her favorite.

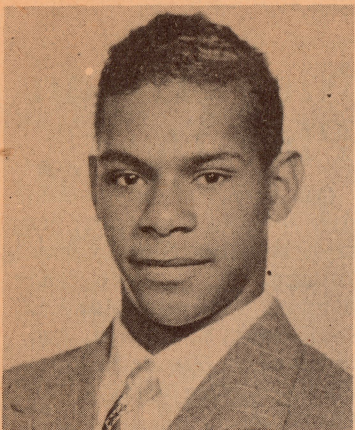
Sewing is her hobby.

Tenor David Whitfield is Elaine's favorite singer.

Elaine's favorite food is chow mein an oriental dish.

Her ideal date must be 6' tall with black hair, brown, a good dancer, and have a pleasing personality.

When she graduates Elaine plans to attend Michigan State Normal College.



Richard Bow

Meet Richard Bow of the Class of '55'.

Richard was born here in Ypsilanti on June 28, 1936 He has attended this school for a total of 6 years. He has brown eyes, brown hair and is 5' 5" short.

Richard is a member of the Varsity Club and a former member of the football, wrestling, and track teams.

His favorite tune is "Unchained Melody" as sung by Al Hibbler, his favorite singer.

As he has demonstrated in his wrestling ability, Richard likes to work with his hands. Therefore its no wonder that this Senior's hobby is wood carving.

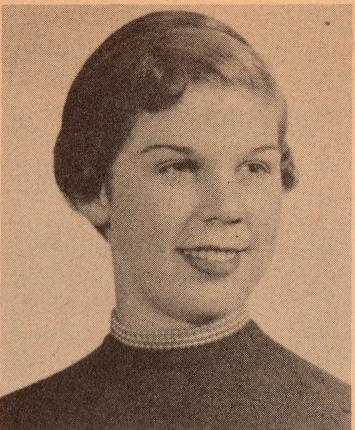
He considers wrestling his favorite sport.

When it comes to choosing a favorite color Richard is undecided between blue and gray.

Richard's pet peeve is his brother.

His ideal date must be 5' 4" and nice to be with.

After school Richard plans to join the Airforce or the Navy.



Helen Fast

Meet a very active member of the Class of '55'. Her name is Helen Fast. She was born here in Ypsilanti in 1937.

Helen has brown hair hazel eyes with the most fascinating lashes you've ever seen, and stands 5' 4".

Helen is a member of the National Honor Society, the Thespians Society, Future Teacher's Association, and the Radio and Television Club

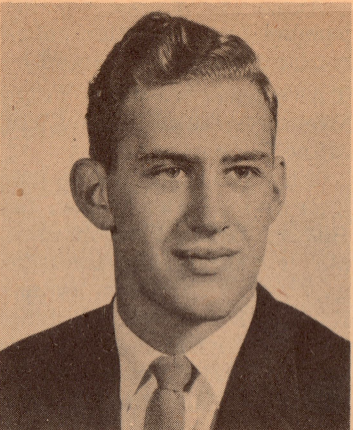
She likes to listen to the ballad "Unchained Melody", Her favorite singer is Nat 'King' Cole.

Helen says she likes all foods, but she likes especially well a thick T-bone steak

This Senior is different from most when she admits that her favorite color is not the perennial blue but the cool shade of green.

Her ideal date "must" like sports as well as music, and have a good personality plus a sense of humor.

After graduation Helen plans to work this summer. In September she will attend Michigan State Normal College.



John Forsyth

This towering Senior goes by the name of John Forsyth.

He is 6' 3" tall and weighs a hefty 195 lbs. John has sandy colored hair and blue eyes.

He was born 18 years ago here in Ypsilanti on April 1, 1937. He has attended Ypsilanti High School for 7 years.

John was a member of the YHS football and basketball teams. He is also a member of the Varsity Club.

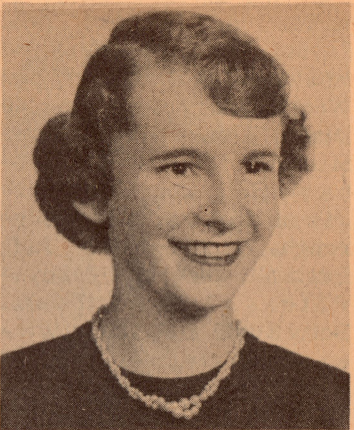
His favorite tune is "Unchained Melody" by a vocalist who he believes is tops in the field, Al Hibbler.

John's best liked color is blue and its also the color of his ideal date's eyes, a Sophomore with blond hair who measures 5' 3" in height.

When John isn't doing anything else he likes to partake of southern fried chicken, his favorite food.

Of all sports in the world John prefers football.

After John receives his diploma he plans to attend Michigan State Normal College.



June Schell

Introducing June Schell, Ypsilanti High School senior.

June was born in Detroit, Michigan 17 years ago. She has attended Y.H.S. since the kindergarden.

June's friends call her Schellie.

She has brown eyes, brown hair, and stands 5' short.

She is a member of the Business Education Club and was an active participant in Inter-Class sports.

Eating is her hobby believe it or not.

She simply adores pizza pie and crunchy fried chicken.

Baseball and hotrod racing are her favorite sports.

Because this senior is only human, she has a pet peeve. She confesses that its her big sister.

The singing voice of actor-Mario Lanza is really the mostest as far as she is concerned.

Her ideal date is a Central Michigan Junior (?)

After graduation June will enter Cleary College where she will study to become a medical secretary.



# ELECT STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

## President



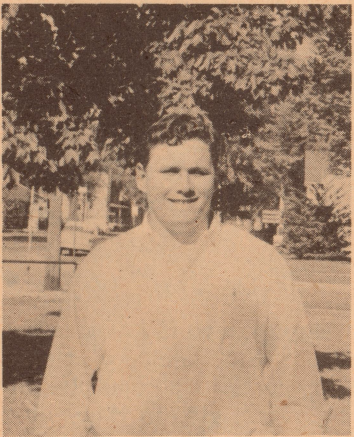
DAN VIERGEVER

Dan 'the man' Viergever is the newly elected president of the Y.H.S. Student Council. His sincerity and willingness to get things done have won him the praise of the entire high school.

Dan came to Ypsilanti in his Freshman year from Manistique, Michigan. Dan stands 6' tall has light brown hair and brown eyes. He has a pleasing personality and a smile for everyone. Dan has above average marks in his courses.

Dan is very active in the field of sports. Dan's favorite hobby is playing his guitar. This year he served as President of the Sophomore Class. He is also a member of the Varsity Club.

## Veep



WARREN DAWSON

'Tank' Dawson has been elected by the student body to fill the chair of vice-president in the council of 55-56, and he is sure to do just that.

Warren's past history in Y.H.S. displays his interest in school affairs. He has been a regular member of the football and wrestling squads and has also been active in Varsity Club. Dawson won two wrestling honors during the past season as he took the state heavyweight title and scored the most points for the Braves in Duo-competition.

Warren is a very good worker and a friend to every one. He is conscientious and is a sure bet to fulfill the capacity of vice-president in the student council very capably.

## Do Unto Others...

by Miss Bernice Inwood

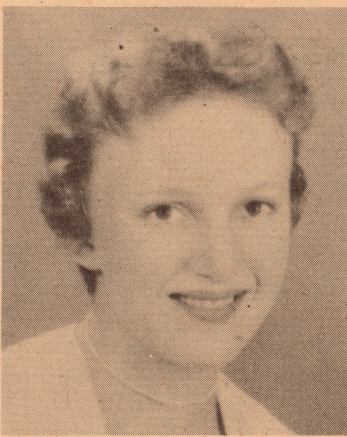
There are some things which are desired and sought by people of all ages. Most people prize true friends so highly that friendships are necessary for a happy and successful existence. Most of the individual differences and group misunderstandings are caused because the Golden Rule had been forgotten e.g., 'Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men do to you do ye even so to them.'

These differences could be avoided if each of us would try sincerely to love God, man, and country. This can be done by cultivating these qualities: respect of law and order, truth, loyalty, courtesy, and consideration of the feelings and rights of others.

When we are tempted to act unpleasantly towards our companions, we should remember, 'Thou shalt not hate thy brother or in thine heart; thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him.'

In the future let us be guided by Proverbs 17:17, 'A friend loveth at all times.'

## Secretary



DUANNE DIXON

Hey kids! This is the gal you wanted and this is the gal you got to handle the chore of Student Council Secretary next year. If you've never had the pleasure of meeting this wonderful person, here's a description for you. 'Duey' is 5'7" tall and has blue eyes and blonde hair.

DuAnne was a sure bet to capture the office because of her school interest and activeness.

She is a steady honor-roll student and is a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps. She has been chosen to lead the Corps next year as Drum Majorette.

Miss Dixon has had experience in administrative affairs by holding homeroom offices.

## Treasurer



MARILEIGH LAMSON

When the final votes were tallied, Marileigh Lamson emerged victorious in the race for student council treasurer.

In the eighth grade she was president of her class and she received the American Legion Award for the outstanding citizen of the 8th grade. In the 9th grade she was elected to the Drum & Bugle Corps. This year Marileigh is the vice-president of her home room and is the senior representative of her class to the Student Council. She is a member of the Latin Club and A Cappella Choir.

Marileigh has achieved a high scholastic standing as she has a straight 'A' record.



## Counselor's Column



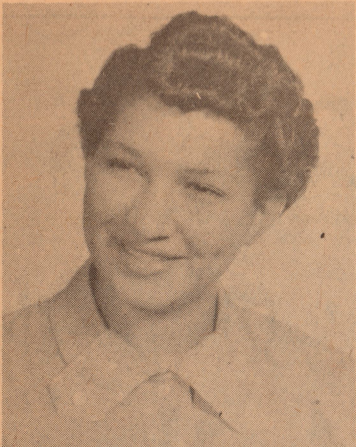
Clara Shaw has received two scholarships to Michigan State Normal College. One has been given by the Department of Public Instruction in Lansing and the other by the Ypsilanti Ladies Literary Club in honor of Sarah George.

Annabelle Johnson has been awarded a State Board of Education to Michigan State University.

Thomasia Manikas has received the Michigan State University Entrance Scholarship and Carol Andree has been named alternate for the same scholarship.

Graduation is a time of regrets as well as a time of rejoicing for teachers and seniors alike. We teachers are not unlike Moses who led his people to the Promised Land. Moses was allowed to look over into the Promised Land, but he could not enter with the people whom he loved. So we, too, have been privileged to go with you this far, but no farther. We may look ahead with you, see visions of success for you, tremble for obstacles which you may meet, but we can only look into the Promised Land with you. We wish you success, vision to see your duties and your opportunities strength to achieve, and the greatest of all happiness which comes only from being true to yourselves and God and your fellow men.

Miss B. Inwood  
Mr. E. Heyman  
YHS Counselors



JOYCE HENRY

You've all seen this gal wandering through the halls at Ypsi High. This brown haired, brown eyed, 5'7 1/2" Senior is 17 years old, born on May 23, 1937, in Ypsilanti. She is Joyce Henry. Joyce is well known for her dramatic speaking ability.

She is a member of the G.A.C. the Future Teacher's Club.

Joyce is another Senior whose favorite color is blue.

Joyce's hobby is collecting poetry, while her pastime is listening to records.

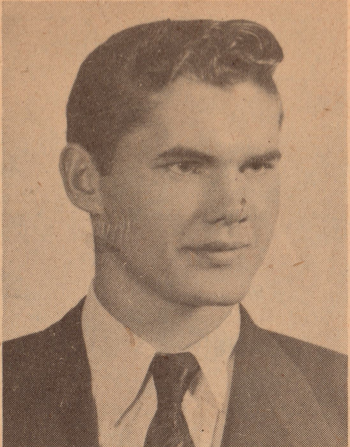
Her favorite food is shrimp salad.

Would you believe it? Joyce's favorite subject is Civics.

With Joyce, basketball is the most as far as the sports are concerned.

Joyce's Ideal Date should be tall, with a wonderful personality, and a good sense of humor.

After graduation Joyce plans to attend college and study to be a teacher.



EUGENE KLINE

This Senior was born in Ann Arbor on February 12, 1937, so he is 18 years old. Eugene has dark brown hair, blue eyes, and he weighs 166 lbs.

Eugene has attended Ypsilanti High School since his sophomore year.

His favorite color, surprisingly enough, is yellow.

He likes hillbilly songs 'most of all'. Kitty Kallen's 'Little Things Mean a Lot' is also a favorite with him.

His favorite subject is Physics.

Sports are his hobby, particularly hunting and fishing.

His pet peeve is girls who are bashful, and will not give boys a chance to show them how nice they can be.

His Ideal Date is a cute girl, one who likes sports, and should have a pleasing personality.

After graduation Eugene plans to attend the University of Michigan where he will study Engineering or Metallurgy.



MARY SIMPSON

You know this energetic little Senior. She is Mary Simpson. Mary was born on August 19, 1936.

She has black hair, brown eyes, and stands 5'4".

Mary is the president of the Future Teacher's Association.

Mary says her favorite color is pink.

'Close Your Eyes' by the Five Keys is her favorite record.

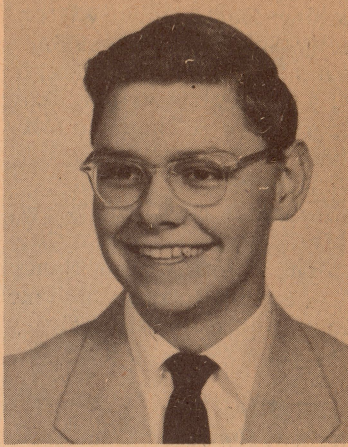
Her favorite subject here at Ypsilanti High School is World Geography.

Her hobby is knitting and crocheting. She also enjoys playing records and dancing.

Mary says her ideal date should be a well-mannered conversationalist, who is not too serious.

Her pet peeve is people who rage and imagine vain things.

After graduation Mary plans to attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State Normal College to study elementary teaching.



PAUL KIRK

Dark brown hair and brown eyes are features of Senior Paul Kirk.

He was born on June 13, 1937, in Ypsilanti.

Paul has attended this school since he was in the eighth grade.

In music 'Geguine the Beguine March' is the most for Paul. He enjoys the soft crooning tones of Nat 'King' Cole, his favorite singer.

He likes just plain food.

Physics is the favorite subject of this popular senior.

In his spare time Paul likes to do radio and electrical work.

Like most Seniors, Paul's favorite color is blue.

His Ideal Date is a girl with a nice personality, who likes to have fun.

Paul's pet peeve is women drivers who don't know which way they are going to turn?

After school is over for Paul he plans to attend the University of Michigan where he will study electrical engineering.



# BIG 3 CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF '55'!

## HONOR ROLL

For the last six weeks marking period, 48 seniors, 24 juniors, 32 sophomores, 51 freshmen, and 45 eighth graders were placed on the Ypsilanti High School Honor Roll. In all a total of 200 students received Honor Roll ratings.

### 12TH GRADE

#### Highest Honor

Barbara Coe, Sue Baird, Joyce Barrows, Marcia Damoose, Warren Huff, Ronald Fick, Janice Farquharson, Carolyn Exelby, Beverly Eisenhart, Thomasia Manikas, Merrith Lamson, Phyllis Johnson, Patricia Keegan, Judy Miller, Terry Montonye, Joy Riggs, Glenda Sanders, Clara Shaw, Edward Wright, Mary Dolph, Michael Philbin, Charles Mann.

#### With Honor.

Beverly Abbeg, Anita Allison, Carol Andree, Angeline Byrd, Sylvester Coleman, Larry Hinkley, Marlene Gable, Eugene Gray, Helen Fast, Annabelle Johnson, Eugene Kline, Nancy Lystrup, Ann Kisor, Jean Lamoreaux, Cecilia Roof, Bill Simpson, Kathy Terrall, Joanne Terry, Donna Totaro, Bethann Viergever, Larry Whitaker, Margaret Wilber, Nancy Wilde, Philip Reid, Harold Hines, Bill Gretzinger, Mary Simpson.

### 11TH GRADE

#### Highest Honor

Jerry Boyd, Duanne Dixon, Barbara Fedor, Marian Kerbyson, Charles Marshall, Delores Zahn, David Wilson, Betty Specht, Sharleen Seamans, Wilma Sue Irwin, Merle Pratt, Rudy Wright, Judy Obermeyer, Constance Mitchell.

#### With Honor

Robert Borke, Dick Bortz, Shirley Brown, Juanita Calhoun, Donna Dunlap, Nancy Fry, Sandra Harden, Yvonne Kope, James Waite, Shirley Stetler.

### 10TH GRADE

#### Highest Honor

Audrey Andrews, Annebelle Barney, Karen Benson, Richard Borton, Linda Bruce, Patty Burch, Janice Sue Combs, Annette Martin, Betty McCollough, Nancy Mott, Harriet Parsons, Carol Raab, Bonnie Rigg, Suzanne Russell, Joe Schrader, Frances Dubois, Marileigh Lamson, Mary Lou Russel.

#### With Honor

Carol Baur, Bruce Elliot, Lawrence, James Johnson, Joan Keene, Bickley Lucas, Sandra Ray, Joyce Peters, Mamie Schell, Earl Taylor, Arlene Whirlow, Amby Wilbanks, Marilyn Woodside, Virginia Kuhns.

### 9TH GRADE

#### Highest Honor

Helen Baldwin, Jane Baker, Mary Alice Berry, David Brooks, Benny Joe Brose, Michael Burns, Dick Bushong, Judy Ann Cole, Mary Lynn Damoose, Ruby Derossett, Robert Hosh, Darla Huston, Paula Juston, Kenneth Joyce, Karol Kautz, Donna LeMaster, Beauprie Preston, Shirley Privett, Pamela



Dear Seniors: As you close your high school careers and go on into other endeavors, I wish you God's speed and hope that your brief stay with us will prove to have been that most important time in the life of each one of you, - one of joys and sorrows, of achievement and progress, of being and being recognized in a school world all your own. I hope on behalf of the high school faculty that we have been able to help you along the way. May I assure you that we will always have a warm spot in our hearts for you. Our sincere interest and best wishes will go with you through the years.

Sincerely,  
Norris G. Wiltse

Reynolds, Robert Reiman, Darold Rorabacher, Diann Walker, Eugene Welper, Terry Wharton, Phyllis Worden, Annette Wright, Sue Yedley, Thomas Forsyth, Sharon Hutchins.

#### With Honor

Myra Jean Ashby, Lloyd Bowden, Martha Britt, Dorothy Brushaber, Jim Budd, Dorothy Darnell, Delores Coe, Pat Hall, Sharon Hubbard, Sharon Kennedy, Jacqueline Lamson, Judy Lathers, Paul Collough, Kae Moore, Robert Peebles, Robert Pemberton, Ruby Oliver, Bruce Robb, Joyce Perry, William Scovill, Eric Therkelsen, Shelley Ferris.

### 8TH GRADE

#### Highest Honor

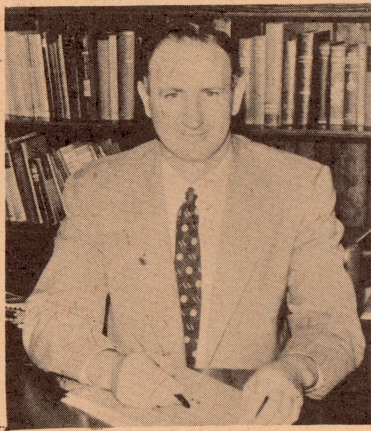
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#### With Honor.

Charles Barnes, Joyce Andrews, David Boyd, Mary DeOtte, Jerry Dusseau, Paula Fedor, Judy Fick, Carol Forche, Eileen Gates, Marcia Holly, Addie Johnson, Philip Kizer, Jolene Koper, Patricia O'Connell, Fred Myers, Clare Osterwich, Bob Price, Elizabeth Privett, Janet May Renton, Judith Terrall, Martha Thayer, Danny Tooman, Michael Towler, Odoska VanOver, James Weitzel, Brenda Williams.

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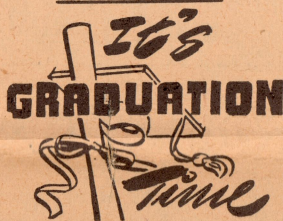


### Members of the Class of 1955:

Congratulations on your graduation from Ypsilanti High School in this the most challenging and interesting era in the history of mankind. Your preparation here has been thorough; your support from parents and friends has been bountiful; the patience and devotion of your teachers has been admirable; your opportunities now are unlimited. Make the most of them!

The Board of Education, the staff of the schools, and the citizens of Ypsilanti join me in wishing you every success and happiness.

Respectfully yours,  
Evert W. Ardis  
Superintendent of Schools



May I extend my congratulations to the senior class on your successful completion of the first step in your education. In so doing, you have started to fulfill one of your first obligations as a citizen, that of being a well informed individual. While for many of you this will be the end of your formal education, it is sincerely hoped that you will continue to use all opportunities that may be made available to you to make yourselves more useful citizens through education. I recall an article written by Dr. R. Bunch on the most important advice given to him, which incidentally was given to him by his mother, that I would like to pass on to you. God places many problems in our way to be solved that we may become greater individuals. You should not lose faith in yourself and your ability to solve these problems. May each of you find the thing that you would like to do best, and then be successful in your choice through application and hard work.

A. Joslyn

## Senior Plans

Betty Kelly plans to attend Michigan State Normal College after graduation.

Nancy Lystrup also plans to attend the Normal College to take business training.

Sally Mayo is ambitious to get a job after graduation.

Joe Lesniwitz will attend the University of Michigan Law School.

Joy Riggs will seek a secretarial position after June 17.

Charles Sayre plans to get lost after graduation.

Norman Snyder plans to continue his education in the college of his choice.

Barbara Coe plans to work this summer and get married in the fall.

Beverly Eisenhart will also work a while and then exchange marital vows.

David Toler will join Uncle Sam's Army after he receives his diploma.

No living creature on earth can begin to compete with the little deer botfly, otherwise known as the cephomyia, for speed. No vehicle or propeller-driven airplane can come anywhere near approaching the enormous velocity of this insect.

This little deer botfly can zoom along at an unbelievable speed of 818 miles per hour or a little more than 13 miles per minute.

from the Edmundson Echo of Edmundson High School.



THE OLD AND NEW SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY.

## LAFF

Daffynition: Dark Ages - Knight Time.

Daffynishion: Autobiography - the life story of a car.

With the passing of the old-time outlaws, people who lived in the country thought they were safe from unwelcome visitors. Then came the in-laws.

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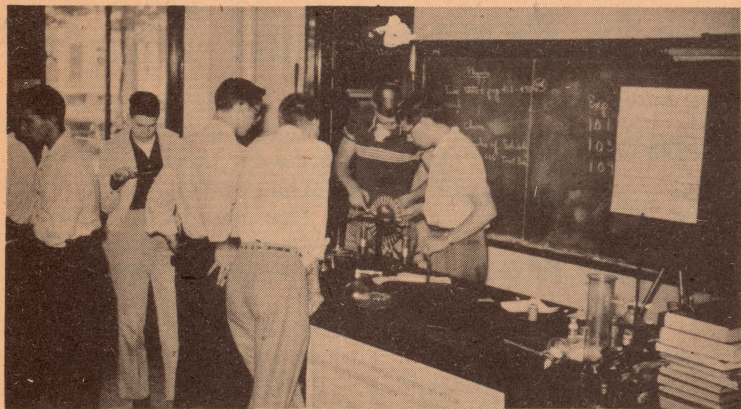
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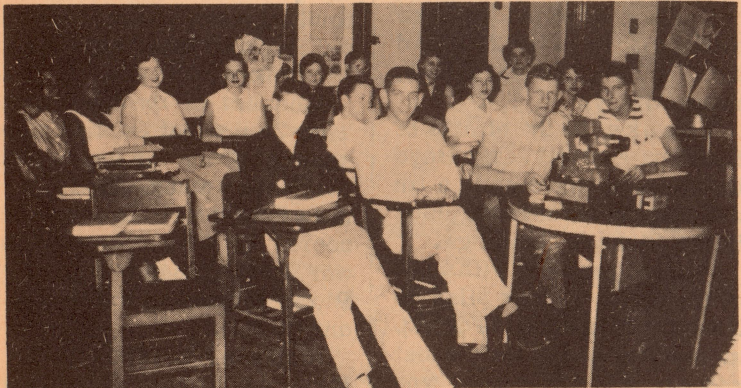
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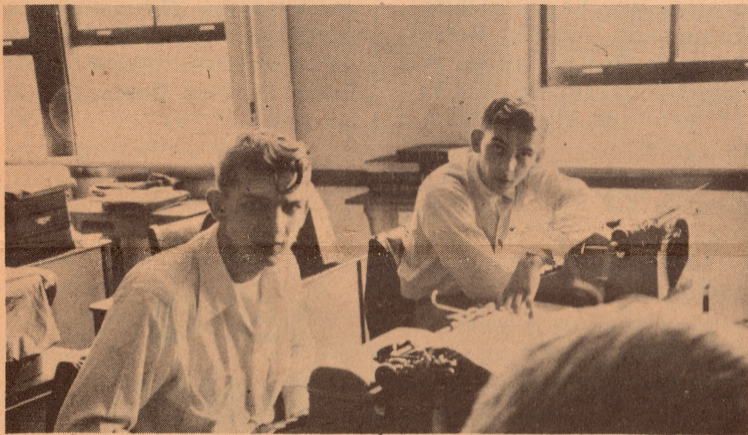
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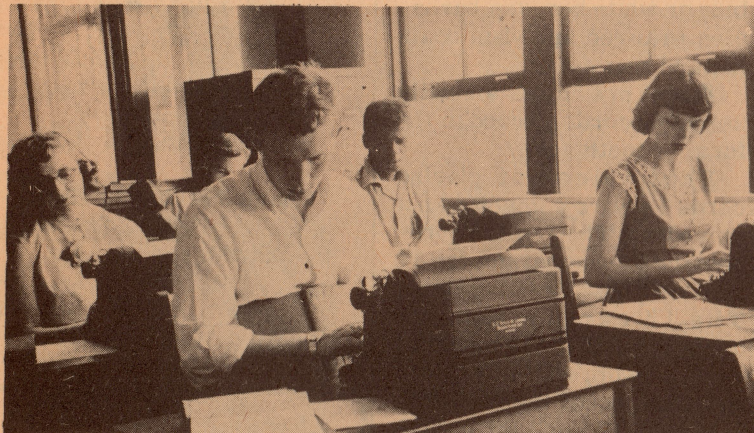
Trying to make the spark jump in the gap are these 5th hour physics students who have recently been studying electricity. Pictured are Charles 'Skip' Sayre, Phillip Syler, Eugene Kline, Joe Alban, Tom Kosky, and Paul 'Electrostat' Kirk.



DURING Michigan Week, May 15 - 21, Miss Iseminger's Senior English Classes observed the famous week. Shown here is a group of Seniors as they view slides concerning of beauties of this 'Water Wonderland.'



'YADIDN'T FOOL US,' David Slough and Leo Sancho appear to be saying as they gaze fearlessly into the eye of the Sento-grapher's camera as it attempted to catch them unawares.

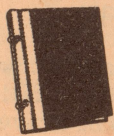


LOOKING very studious indeed is Senior Class president Bob Noll as he skillfully manipulates the typewriter keys and gazes at his watches at the same time. To Bob's right is the Senior Class secretary Merrith Lamson. Seated behind Merrith is Bradley Chauncy. Behind Bob is Margaret Wilbur.



RECENTLY the Future Teacher's Association held a tea with Teachers from elementary schools of the Ypsilanti system present. These teachers have members of the F.T.A. doing cadet teaching for them.

## The Editor's Notebook



This Senior Issue of the Ypsi Sem is a fitting climax for its fifty-seventh year in existence as the student publication of Ypsilanti High School.

In the true tradition of the Ypsi Sem we have endeavored to the best of our abilities to provide for the student population of this school a newspaper which was as enjoyable as it was informative, assisted by a very capable staff of editors and reporters.

As Co-Editors-in-Chief of this student paper, we have taken part in an activity which was an excellent lesson in managerial ability, a perfect manifestation of the products of teamwork and complete cooperation, and a very educational experience in journalism.

Every year a new Sem Staff is chosen by the faculty from students who have signed up for various positions on the paper. If you are interested in trying out for some position on the Sem staff such as Editor-in-Chief, page editor, reporter, cartoonist, circulation manager, exchange editor, advertising manager, or photographer, you may do so by applying for the position which you desire at the beginning of the school year in September.

Gerald Lundy  
Terry Montonye  
Co - Editors-in-Chief of the Ypsi Sem, 1955.

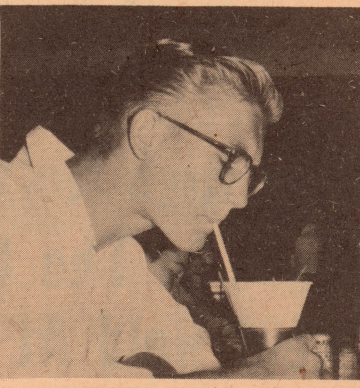
## TREES ?

From the Hitide of Pacific High School in San Bernadino, California.

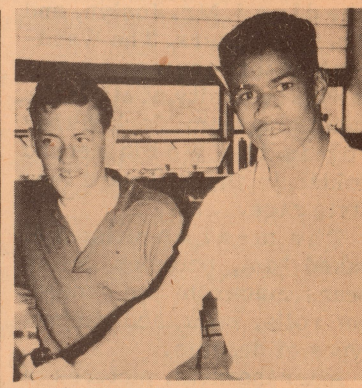
I think that I shall never see,  
A boy that quite appeals to me,  
A boy who wears his shirt tail in,  
And doesn't have a stupid grin.  
A boy who doesn't wear  
A slap of grease paint in his hair,  
But boys are loved by fools like me,  
For who on earth would date a tree?  
I think that I shall never see,  
A girl refuse a meal that's free,  
A girl who doesn't like to wear,  
A lot of junk to match her hair.  
A tree looks wonderful all day,  
Without such make-up and display,  
Girls are loved by mugs like me,  
'Cause we don't want to hug a tree.



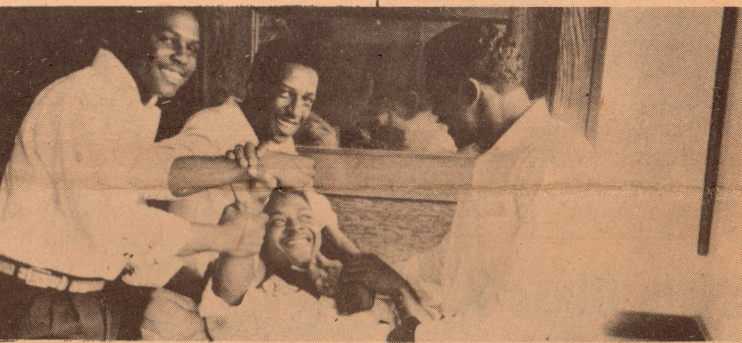
These seniors are caught laughing over nothing immediately preceding a recent assembly program. The grins are owned by Shirley Stinedurf, Helen Fast, Merrith Lamson, Jerry Allison, 'Buoying', and Paul Kirk.



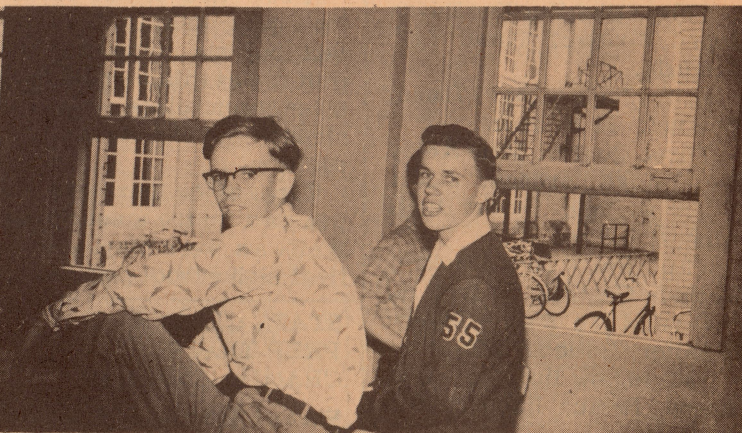
TAKING a pause for refreshments is Senior Class Vice-president Jack Brown. He too was seeked out by the probing eye of the Sento-grapher's ever watchful camera.



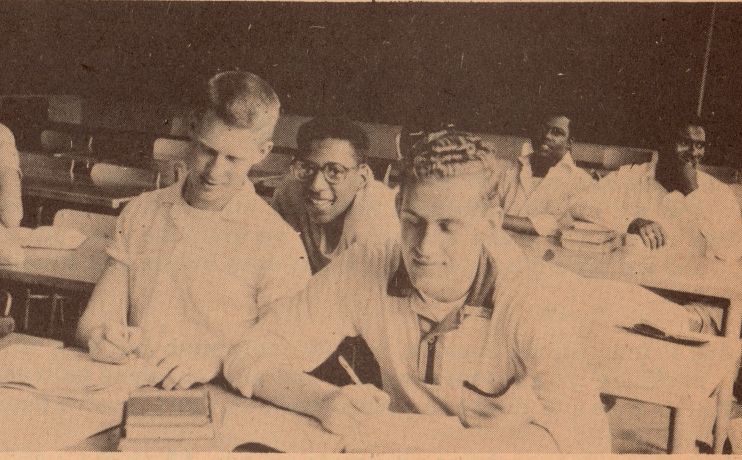
'THE CAT that swallowed the canary' expression is clear on the faces of Alwyn Collins and Dave Laroe as they make like the lineup in one of Mr. Leed's Art Classes.



WHATS THIS? This unusual pose struck by four manly seniors appears to be a study in surrealistic art, entitled 'Spring and Senior.' From left to right are Leon Taylor, John Jones, George 'Smiley' Wilson, and Buddy Johnson.



SURPRISE! SURPRISE! Boy, these two Seniors were really caught off guard as they make with a bit of easy relaxation and take in a balmy spring breeze near an open window in one of Mr. Albert's Woodshop classes. They are Eddie Woodruff and Ron Fick.



TRYING HARD TO STUDY are Seniors Warren Huff and John Forsyth as the Rovin' Sento-grapher snapped this pic. But What's the use when there's a fellow like John Jones to peek over shoulders and break a guy's concentration!



# Swimmers Hold Banquet, Jack And Bert Wardrop, Mr.Shadford, Mr.Joslyn Guest Speakers.

by Jay Baker

On Wednesday, April 29, the Ypsilanti High School Swimming team held a banquet in the high school cafeteria. The affair was attended by the swimmers and their parents.

Mr. Alex Canja acted as master of ceremonies. The guest speakers present were Jack and Bert Wardrop, Mr. Shadford, Mr. Joslyn, and Mr. Fred Peters. The Wardrop brothers are members of the University of Michigan swimming team. Jack Wardrop is the World Record holder in the 220 yard free style race.

The meal consisted of baked ham, potatoes, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, hot rolls, milk, and various types of deserts.

After the meal, pictures of championship diving was shown. There was also shown pictures of the swimming team in action.

Co-captains for next years swimming team were elected. They are Dick Bortz and Homer Meridith. Both boys will be seniors.

Captain Dave Holley was presented with a trophy for the highest scholastic record of any other swimmer on the team. Jack Brown also received a trophy for making

## State Class A Prep Track Champs

120-yd High Hurdles Hayes Jones, Pontiac. Time: 14.5 seconds.

Broad Jump - Hayes Jones, Pontiac. 22 ft. 5½ in.

Three Quarter Mile Relay Dearborn Fordson. 2:28.1

100-yd Dash - Sebert Dant, Alpena, 9.8 sec.

Shot Put - Tom Jozwiak, Catholic Central. 53 ft. ½ in.

One Mile Run - Sherry Schaffer, Holland, 4:35.

180-yd Low Hurdles - Don Arend, Benton Harbor, 19.5 secs.

440-yd Run - Levi Simpson, Ypsilanti 50.5 secs.

220-yd Dash - Sebert Dant, Alpena, 21.4 secs.

880-yd Relay - Bay City Central, 1:32.8

880-yd Run - Bill Lake,

## Farewell To Class Of "55"

The time has come to bid adieu, to the class of '55' And we extend sincerest hope that all of you will thrive. You've been a grand example, for we who take your place, and we are going to miss a lot, each bright and shining face.

And so from all the Juniors, we sincerely wish that you, will profit by your lessons here, and to yourselves be true. You've been a credit to your school, in short, you've been just swell.

And so, with saddened hearts we say, SENIOR CLASS, FAREWELL!

The Junior Class  
Richard Rhinehart, President

the largest contribution in competition throughout the season.

About ninety people attended the affair.

## THE YPSI SEM SPORTS

# Ypsi High Golfers Tie For 4th Place In The Class A Golf Meet Held At Battle Creek

The Ypsilanti High School golf team came out in fourth place tied with Owosso High with a total of 334 strokes.

Jackson linksmen came out on top in the meet as they toured the Battle Creek Country Club course in a total of 316 blows. Dearborn took second place and Birmingham secured third place with scores of 327 and 329 respectively.

Medalist of the meet was Bob Zimmerman of the Jackson team who went around the course in a four over par 75 total.

Bill Dobbs paced the YHS golfers with a six over par 77. This score was low enough to give Bill a tie for medalist runner-up.

If the Braves had carded the same total in this meet that they had in the Regional Golf meet, they would have taken second place, only four strokes out of a tie for first position.

Three of the four boys who played in the meet for the Braves were playing their final high school golf meet.

STATE CLASS A  
PREP TRACK  
CHAMPS (Continued)

Hazel Park, 2:09 and Bill Douglas, Pontiac, 2:00.

High Jump - Tie between Alex Barge, Pontiac, and Hudson Ray, Pontiac, 6 ft. 3½ in.

Pole Vault - Richard Campbell, Battle Creek, 12 ft., 4 in.

## Baseball Nine Finishes With 4-6 Record

The Purple and Gold baseball nine finished the season with a record of four wins and six defeats.

Their wins included two games against Willow Run in which the Flyers fell 6 to 11 and 4 to 22. The Braves gained their two other wins against Dearborn 8 to 6 and against St. Thomas 5 to 4.

## Jackson Junior Ties Record

Bob Zimmerman, a Jackson High School junior, tied the course record on the Cascades in Jackson this Spring with a phenomenal 63.

During his spring vacation, he traveled to Arkansas where he scored a 67 on Sammy Snead's golf course.

In the State Golf Tournament at Battle Creek, Zimmerman took the Class A medalist honors with a 75 as his team finished first.

## Golfers Finish Season With A 7-2 Record

The YHS linksmen wound up their 1955 campaign as they ended up with seven victories and two defeats. Captain Dan Odegard led the Braves through out the season as he averaged just over 76 strokes per meet.

The Braves received their losses at the hands of a very strong Dearborn quartet as they bowed twice to the Dearbornites, first on the Washenaw Country Club course and then on the Warren Valley Course. The linksmen from Dearborn then went on to place first in the Regional Golf Meet as they set a new Regional Meet team record by touring the Burroughs Farms course in a cool 297 blows. The Purple and Gold golfers placed in the Runner-Up spot in the Regional affair.

The Braves defeated Wayne (twice), Plymouth (twice), Ann Arbor (once), and U. High (twice), in other meets of the year.

All but one of the Braves in the starting four are seniors. They are Terry Montonye, Jay Baker, and Captain Dan Odegard. Bill Dobbs will be the only returning starter next season.

# Brave Golfers Capture Runner Up Spot For Second Year In A Row In Regional Golf Tourney

## Simpson Wins 440 yd. Dash In State Meet

by Jay Baker

Levi Simpson secured a state title at the state track meet held at East Lansing. Levi captured first place in the 440 yard dash. His time set a new school record as he made the run in 50.5 seconds.

Jesse Boyd placed third and fourth in the 220 yard dash and the 100 yard dash, respectively.

Thanks to the efforts of Levi Simpson and Jesse Boyd the Braves ended up in a tie with Alpena for seventh place in the Class A standings.

Pontiac ran away with most of the meet, as they piled up a total of 51 and 13/14 points as compared with its closest rival, Flint Northern who captured only 17 points. When the meet was over the final standings were as follows: Pontiac (first), Flint Northern (second), Saginaw (third), Kalamazoo (fourth), Detroit Catholic Central (fifth), Bay City Central (sixth), and Ypsilanti and Alpena tied for (seventh).

Both boys who placed in the meet for YHS are seniors and therefore, are finished with their high school track careers.

## Did You Know...

That a boat painted red will travel faster than one painted blue or white because barnacles hate red and shun boats painted that color?

That Americans annually use 5,000 cords of wood in the form of toothpicks?

That a deck of playing cards is very much like a calendar? The 4 suits represent the 4 seasons; and the 12 face cards, the 12 months. The 13 cards in each suit correspond to the 13 weeks of each season, while 52 cards in a deck equal the 52 weeks in a year. To top it off - - the sum of all the cards in a deck (counting the Jack as 11, the Queen as 12 and the King as 13) plus a Joker, totals up to 365.

That the 'mileage' of an electric refrigerator motor far exceeds that of a motor car engine? The average motor in an electric refrigerator 'travels' the equivalent of 250,000 miles in five years, and many run more than twenty years without an overhaul.

## Grin

Man: Do you know where Herbie Brown lives?  
Boy: He's not home, but for a dime I'll find him for you right away.  
Man: All right, here. Now where is he?  
Boy: Thanks -- I'm him!

The Ypsilanti High School golf team came out in second place in the Regional Golf Tournament held at Brighton on the Burroughs Farms Course. The Braves final total was a cool 320 strokes. This total broke the old schools scoring record of 326 blows set in previous years.

First place in the affair was taken by Dearborn. The four scores turned in by the Dearbornites were 72, 73, 74, and 78. The four totals added up gave the victors a 297 final score which lowered the old Regional Meet record by 15 strokes.

Medalist of the meet was Tom Cross of Pontiac who shot a sizzling one under par 70. Pontiac placed third in the meet as they toured the course in 322 strokes which was good enough to edge the Pioneers from Ann Arbor by one stroke.

Individual scores for the Braves were a 77 for Bill Dobbs, Jay Baker had a 78, Terry Montonye an 81, and Dan Odegard an 84.

Placing second in the meet qualified the YHS quartet to participate in the state meet held at Battle Creek on the Battle Creek Country Club course.

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